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1. EMBASSY WISHES TO NOMINATE SENIOR COMMERCIAL ADVISOR
JAMEL BEN MILED (FSL 12/5) FOR REGIONAL E/C SPECIALIST
SEMINAR IN ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, OCTOBER 23-26.
WE BELIEVE MR. BEN MILED, WHO HAS BEEN KEY LOCAL EMPLOYEE
IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION FOR OVER 15 YEAR, COULD MAKE
SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO DISCUSSIONS AS WELL AS
BENEFIT OUR PROGRAMS BY ATTENDANCE AT
SEMINAR. IN HIS "DEVELOPMENT NEEDS SURVEY" (DNSS)
FORWARDED UNDER COVER OF TUNIS A-020 OF MARCH 22, WE
SPECIFICALLY RECOMMENDED MR. BEN MILED FOR STATESIDE
TRAINING. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL
BE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH EXTENDED TRAINING IN IMMEDIATELY
FORSEEABLE FUTURE. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE STRONGLY
RECOMMEND THAT THIS OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL BE

AFFORDED THIS GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO FAMILIARIZE
HIMSELF WITH NEW PROCEDURES, PROGRAMS, ETC. MR. BEN
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MILED IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN (A) FOREIGN BUYER
PROGRAM, INCLUDING CRITERIA APPLIED BY USDOC IN CHOICE
OF EVENTS IT PROMOTES, AND ITS ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN
BUYERS VISITING USA; AND, (B) COMMERCE FIELD OFFICES'
FUNCTIONS AND OFFICES' RELATIONSHIP WITH US INDUSTRY
AND EXPORT PROMOTION.

2. FYI: SUBJECTEMPLOYEE SUCCESSFULLY ATTENDED MARKET RESEARCH PROGRAM IN ABIDJAN IN NOVEMBER 1976 BUT HIS ONLY ATTENDNANCE AT GENERAL THEME COMMERCIAL MEETING WAS IN TANGIER IN MARCH 1970.

3. ESTIMATED PER DIEM AND TRANSPORTATION COST FOR MR. BEN MILED'S ATTENDANCE AT SEMINAR IN ALEXANDRIA IS \$740. IF POSSIBLE WITHIN USDOC FUNDING, WE WOULD RECOMMEND ONE DAY TDY WITH RTDO IP ATHENS ON RETURN LEG OF TRIP.

4. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT OFFICIAL SUMMMARY RECORD OF NEAR EAST EC OFFICES CONFERENCE IN TANGIER WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL BACKGROUND MATERIAL TMR LOCAL EMPLOYEES ATTENDING ALEXANDRIA MEETING. SUCH SUMMARY NOTES NOT YET RECEIVED AT THIS POST.
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